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## Warriors roll to another decisive victory

*Brown rushes for four more touchdowns; has 12 TD runs through three games*

**STAFF REPORT**

The Willowbrook football team earned its third straight convincing victory of the spring season by beating Hinsdale South 42-7 last week in Villa Park. The Warriors improved to 3-0 following their April 1 victory over the Hornets, who fell to 1-2.

Junior Josh Brown, who rushed for eight touchdowns in the Warriors' first two games of the season, added four more touchdown runs against Hinsdale South. Junior Jaylon White, who delivered three touchdown runs in Willowbrook's 48-13 win at Addison Trail on March 26, provided two more scoring runs in the triumph over the Hornets.

Willowbrook, which scored 41 first-half points in its victory at Addison Trail, needed more time to get rolling against Hinsdale South. Following a scoreless first quarter, the Warriors delivered two touchdowns in the second quarter to take a 14-0 halftime lead. Willowbrook added two more touchdowns in each of the next two periods.

A completion from freshman quarterback A.J. Palicki to junior Haven Pryor on a fourth-and-eight play kept the Warriors' first scoring drive alive. Brown completed that drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Junior Izabelle Manning then added the first of her six extra-point kicks to give Willowbrook a 7-0 lead with 9:16 left in the first half.

Brown delivered his next touch-



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**Above: Junior Josh Brown (No. 31) of the Willowbrook football team is pictured during his 6-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of last week's game against Hinsdale South. The Warriors defeated the Hornets 42-7 in the April 1 contest in Villa Park. Willowbrook improved to 3-0, while Hinsdale South fell to 1-2. Brown ran for four touchdowns against the Hornets. He has 12 rushing touchdowns through three games. Brown ran for five touchdowns in Willowbrook's 40-0 win over Leyden on March 19. He added three more touchdown runs in his team's 48-13 win at Addison Trail on March 26. Another photo (below left) from Willowbrook's win over Hinsdale South shows junior kicker Izabelle Manning, who converted all six of her extra-point attempts. Junior Nick Mabutas (No. 7) is the Warriors' holder on Manning's kicks. One more photo (below right) from last week's game shows senior Tyler Raya (No. 99) diving to make a tackle.**

down with a 6-yard run across the goal line with 5:58 remaining in the second quarter.

White extended the Warriors' lead to 20-0 with a 20-yard TD run with

5:26 to play in the third quarter. Less than two minutes later, the Willowbrook defense turned in a fourth-down stop to end a Hinsdale South drive. Brown broke a 54-yard TD run on the next play to push the Warriors' lead to 27-0.

Hinsdale South scored its only touchdown of the game on a short run with 3.6 seconds left in the third quarter. The Warriors responded with their fifth touchdown of the evening—a 6-yard run by White with 10:43 left in the fourth quarter.

Brown scored the Warriors' sixth and final touchdown of the game on a 47-yard run with 7:32 to play.

Through three games, Willowbrook has outscored its opponents (Leyden, Addison Trail and Hinsdale South) by a combined total of 130-20.

The Warriors will continue their six-game spring season with this Friday's game at York. Willowbrook will play its final home game of the season on April 16, when it will face Morton. The Warriors will finish the season with an April 23 game at Proviso East.





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**Willowbrook's girls volleyball team defeated Oak Park-River Forest and York last week. The two home victories gave the Warriors a four-match winning streak and an overall season record of 4-2. Junior Elizabeth Bruschuk is pictured (above left) while keeping the ball in play during Willowbrook's 25-21, 25-21 win over Oak Park-River Forest on March 30. Bruschuk made 17 digs during the match. Another photo (above right) from the victory over the Huskies shows junior Kyla Ostrowski (No. 13), who provided five kills and two digs. The Warriors improved to 4-2 when they beat York 25-19, 25-21 on April 1.**

## Warriors pick up two more victories to move to 4-2

The Willowbrook girls volleyball team improved to 4-2 overall with last week's home wins over Oak Park-River Forest and York.

The two victories in Villa Park gave the Warriors a four-match winning streak. Willowbrook opened its season with three-game losses to Lyons Township and Glenbard West.

The Warriors defeated Oak Park-River Forest 25-21, 25-21 on March 30. Freshman Calli Kenny provided 10 kills and nine digs. Junior Elizabeth Bruschuk made 17 digs, while junior Katie Linnig contributed seven digs, seven assists, two kills and one ace. Senior Grace Reckamp had four kills, seven digs and two assists. Junior Kyla Ostrowski hit five kills and made two digs.

The Warriors extended their winning streak to four matches with a 25-19, 25-21 victory over York on April 1. Kenny pounded 13 kills and made six digs against the Dukes. Reckamp supplied seven kills, six digs, six assists, three blocks and an ace.

Senior Stephanie Dasbach made six blocks, while senior Tavis Thornton contributed three kills and one block. Bruschuk provided 16 digs, while Linnig delivered eight assists, three digs and an ace.

The Warriors' 2021 spring season, which features 12 matches, continues with tonight's home contest against Hinsdale South.

## Glowiak Hilton moves to protect consumers from scam calls

To prevent residents from being misled by phone scams, State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton (D-Western Springs) has advanced an initiative with bipartisan support to outlaw scam call operators from disguising their identity by having a false telephone number show up on caller ID.

"As technology advances, scammers use creative, deceitful tactics to trick residents into giving them personal information," Glowiak Hilton said. "By prohibiting automated solicitors from falsifying caller ID, I hope to protect residents from falling victim to telephone scams."

In Illinois, the Telephone Solicitations Act requires a live operator to state his or her name, the organization they are representing, and the purpose for the call. The law also prohibits a solicitor from manipulating caller ID,

commonly known as spoofing.

Current state law does not address when the caller is not a live operator.

To protect consumers, Glowiak Hilton's initiative requires the operator of any soliciting telephone call to immediately state the affiliated business and the purpose of the call, and to confirm consent from the receiver.

"Deceitful business practices like spoofing are shameful," Glowiak Hilton said. "Call authentication is critical for protecting consumers against scammers who mask their identity and intentionally seek to defraud vulnerable residents."

Senate Bill 2225 passed the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee Thursday and moves for further deliberation before the full Senate.

(This was received from the office of State Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton.)

# Villa Park Library events

### Friday, April 9

#### Library presents

#### Cook-along with chef Gale Gand

Join chef Gale Gand for a cook-along from the comfort of your own home. The Villa Park Public Library will present this very special after-hours event at 7 p.m. Gand will prepare a shopping list of ingredients and recipes ahead of the program. The list and recipes will be shared with registered participants. Then, cook along with Gand, or sit back and watch her prepare the recipes. This program is a part of a week-long slate of special programming in honor of National Library Week (April 4-10), and it will be held online via Zoom. Registration and a valid email address are required. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

#### Library presents Virtual Teen Book Trivia

All teenagers ages 13-18 are invited to test their knowledge in the Villa Park Public Library's Teen Book Trivia. Participants with enough correct answers will even be entered into a drawing for a \$15 Amazon gift card! The online challenge will open at noon. Teens can take the quiz anytime through Sunday, April 11. Registration and a valid email address are required. Further instructions and the link to the quiz will be sent via email. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Saturday, April 10

#### Library hosting after-hours Reader's Theater

The Villa Park Public Library will host a special after-hours Reader's Theater event presented by the Friends of the Villa Park Library and the Epiphany Players at 7 p.m. Home to Mother is a comedy in one act, written by Mary Lawrence. When John Wingate forgets his wife Betty's birthday, she is not happy. Betty then decides to go home to her mother, and the timing couldn't be worse. This program is a part of a week-long slate of special programming in honor of National Library Week (April 4-10), and it will be held online via Zoom. Registration and a valid email address are required. The link for the program will be emailed out to all registered attendees. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Monday, April 12

#### Library presents Seed Starting

The Villa Park Public Library will present Seed Starting virtually from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Master gardener Paul Stoffels from the U of I

Extension program will show attendees how to get started saving seeds. This program will be held online via Zoom. Registration and a valid email address are required. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Wednesday, April 14

#### Library hosts virtual fireside chat with author John Sandford

The Villa Park Public Library is presenting *An Evening with Author John Sandford*, virtually at 7 p.m. John Sandford is the pseudonym of American writer John Roswell Camp. Camp won the Pulitzer Prize in journalism in 1986 and was one of four finalists for the prize in 1980. He is the author of 40 published novels, all of which have appeared, in one format or another, on the *New York Times* best-seller lists. This program will be held online via Zoom, and registration is required. Registrants will be sent the program details via email. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Thursday, April 15

#### My College Planning Team returns to Library

The Villa Park Public Library will host *Financial Strategies for Early College Planners* virtually from 6-7:30 p.m.

Intended for families with middle school students and presented by My College Planning Team, this workshop will emphasize the importance of getting a jumpstart on college planning and introduce financial aid options available to early planners. It will also cover mistakes to avoid when saving for college and recommend college-planning resources for families. This program is a part of a week-long lineup of special programming in honor of Money Smart Week (April 10-17), and it will be held online via Zoom. Registration and a valid email address are required. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

### Ongoing programs

#### Learn during Money Smart Week at the Library

The Villa Park Public Library will host a week-long series of special programming in honor of Money Smart Week (April 10-17). Increase your financial I.Q. by attending the following presentations:

• *Weiss Financial Ratings Series Tips & Tricks* on Monday, April 12, 6-7 p.m.: Paige Grillo of Greyhouse Publishing will give some tips and tricks for using the Library's Weiss

Financial Ratings Series database  
• *Making Budgets Work* on day, April 13, 6-7 p.m.: Lana Thomson of BMO Harris will discuss tifying personal obstacles to buying and creating a structure to and analyze spending.

• *Preparing for Major Pur* es on Wednesday, April 14 from p.m.: Joe Christopher of Inland will discuss how to prepare for purchases.

• *Identity Theft* on Thursday, 15, 3-4 p.m.: Lana Thompso BMO Harris will discuss me used by identity thieves to steal sonal information and strategi protect yourself.

• *ValueLine Investment Si* Tips & Tricks on Friday, Apri Don Nuding of ValueLine In format or another, on the *New York Times* best-seller lists. This program will be held online via Zoom, and registration is required. Registrants will be sent the program details via email. For more information, visit the library's website at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

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#### Free meals for kids available at Library

The Villa Park Public Lib is working with the Northern nois Food Bank to offer free m for kids ages 18 and younger i now through May 20. Meals will available on Tuesdays, Wednesd and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. At this time, families allowed to pick up meals and r their home. All families who r assistance providing meals for r children are welcome to pick meals at the library. For more in mation, visit the library's websit [vppl.info](http://vppl.info), call 630-834-1164 or low them on social media.

#### Library offers take-home science kits for kids

In partnership with the Muse of Science & Industry Chicago, Villa Park Public Library is of ing MSI Science Minors: Scienc Home take-home activity kits. Th kits are perfect for children v loved attending in-person scie minors programs in the past or v just have a curious mind and c some hands-on experiments. E kit will contain three activities t focus on sound, light, and air. J activities are intended for child ages 8 and older to do independen Registration is required. For more formation, visit the library's web at [vppl.info](http://vppl.info) or call 630-834-1164.

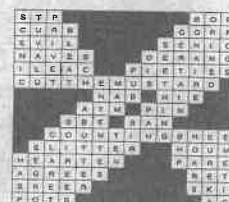
## Answers

### PUZZLE 1

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6	8	4	9	2	7	1	3	5
7	3	5	6	8	1	9	4	2
1	2	8	4	9	3	6	5	7
5	7	3	8	6	2	4	9	1
9	4	6	1	7	5	2	8	3
8	6	2	5	1	9	3	7	4
4	5	7	2	3	6	8	1	9
3	1	9	7	4	8	5	2	6

### PUZZLE 2

5	1	6	3	7	9	4	2	8
7	2	8	1	6	4	5	9	3
3	4	9	5	2	8	6	1	7
4	7	1	8	9	6	2	3	5
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6	8	3	7	5	2	1	4	9
2	9	4	6	8	3	7	5	1
8	3	5	2	1	7	9	6	4
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## Addison Trail sends nine to SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership Conference

Nine Addison Trail students have qualified to compete in the SkillsUSA Illinois State Leadership & Skills Conference.

They are: In Automotive Service Technology, junior Morri Bernardo, senior Javier Castillo, senior Ivan James, junior Daniel Zielinski; in Automotive Maintenance and Light

Repair, junior Giovanni Sanchez, senior Wai Wha Dam, junior Michael Godenius, junior Felix Martini and senior Konrad Nowak.

This year's event will take place from April 12 to May 1, and competitions will be hosted virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## • Voting

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general election.

"When that law expired on Jan. 1, there was no specific prohibition on their use nor was there any authorization for their use," Dietrich said in an email.

Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray said his office is treating the single drop box outside the county building as an extension of the election office. The state's election code allows voters to return their mail-in ballots to the election authority office, which is the county election office in Sangamon County.

"I can't stress enough how universally popular and successful this resource was in the November general election," Gray said in a phone interview.

Sangamon County voters from both parties "utilized it often, and resoundingly praised it as a service," Gray said of the two drop boxes.

"We don't want to confuse voters," he said, by taking away a resource that was available to voters in November.

"There's risks in anything but, you know, we believe this to be an ac-

commodation of an extension of our office for people to return their ballots in this unique challenging environment of COVID-19, including for the consolidated (April) election," Gray said.

Larry Suffredin, an election attorney and Cook County Board Commissioner, said he didn't think any legal challenge would be brought over the ballots returned to the drop boxes on county clerk's office premises because those ballots remain under the care and control of the clerk's office.

"[County clerks] control the lockbox, they control the access to the lockbox and the law says that your mail in ballot is to be returned to the clerk. So I don't think that you have a legal issue with what's going on right now," Suffredin said.

But, given that the April election is expected to have lower turnout compared to presidential elections, the number of ballots being challenged "would be very limited," Suffredin said.

"(The challenge) would not have much impact, but I don't see where they would have a claim," he said.

## • Profiles

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initiative, I noticed many of the folks I was working with no longer had children at Addison Trail or Willowbrook and yet they put in the time and effort. They were still committed to improved conditions for the students of the community. I am very grateful to all of them. My children not only benefited from their efforts and dedication, they thrived.

I am at a stage in life where I have wrapped up other volunteer opportunities and can commit fully to be an engaged and active school board member. I feel it is my time to give back to the community that supported my own children and their experience in the district.

**What, in your opinion, are two or three main issues District 88 currently faces, and what steps would you take to address or resolve these issues?**

The primary challenge for the district is the return of students to in-person learning and the issues that arise from the return to the classroom. This process has already started this spring. A component of the return is working with students, teachers, and administration to make sure the focus is not only on getting students back in the building, but that mental health well-being is addressed, as well as any regression that may have occurred with e-learning. Initially, the board

should review the return plan that was implemented in the spring and make sure that processes that were successful remain in place. Attention should be turned to any procedure that needs to be reworked to make sure students are successful while making sure the needs of teachers and administration are met.

**If elected, what are your long-term goals as a school board member?**

My goals as a school board member are to ensure the district keeps the academic standards at a high level. I would make sure the district continues working with the local institutions of higher learning to offer more instruction that will benefit students after graduation. I would also like to help grow and strengthen the community partnerships and mentor programs that have been implemented. It is also important that District 88 continues to develop programs, and use relationships, to benefit college-bound students, but also assist those students who are headed into the trades or directly into the workforce. I would like to make sure the district stays focused on inclusiveness, equality and equity for all students. Finally, it is important that the district stays fiscally responsible as it works towards implementing curriculum and programs that keep our district moving forward.



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## Long touchdown run

Addison Trail senior Eric Reed (No. 22) is pictured during his 56-yard touchdown run in the first quarter of Friday's football game against Willowbrook. Reed's touchdown cut the Warriors' lead to 7-6. Willowbrook built a 41-6 halftime lead on its way to a 49-13 victory in Addison.

## Elmhurst History Museum announces exhibits, upcoming programs

The Elmhurst History Museum has announced the following exhibitions and programs either currently on display or coming soon.

### Together We Cannot Fail: Overcoming the Great Depression

Continues through May 2  
In the 1930s, our nation faced the worst economic crisis in U.S. history during the depths of the Great Depression. Learn more about this challenging time and discover how local communities pulled together to support one another as the economy mended and the country regained its footing. Delve into the roots of the Depression and find out about some of the important federal relief programs like the W.P.A. and the C.C.C. that helped our nation's recovery. Exhibit sponsor: Feze Roofing. Limit: 15 visitors allowed per hour, 5 people per group, face masks required.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.

Admission: FREE  
Reservations required: Reserve one-hour time slot at elmhursthistory.org

More Info: elmhursthistory.org or call 630-833-1457

### Coming soon to EHM To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA

May 14-Aug. 29  
Just before the first man landed on the moon, Snoopy soared through space with NASA's Apollo 10 mission in May of 1969 launching the beloved beagle's role as an ambassador for the U.S. space program. Visitors will learn about the role the Peanuts characters played in NASA's Manned-Flight Awareness safety program. Displays feature a 1969 series of NASA-themed comic strips, photographs, video footage, and Peanuts collectibles. Learn about NASA astronauts from Chicago and its suburbs including Apollo 10 lunar module pilot Eugene Cernan. A touring exhibit organized by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, Santa Rosa, CA. Limit: 15 visitors allowed per hour, 5 people per group, face masks required.

Location: Elmhurst History Mu-

seum, 120 E. Park Ave.  
Admission: FREE  
Reservations required: Reserve one-hour time slot at elmhursthistory.org  
More Info: elmhursthistory.org call 630-833-1457

### Ongoing Exhibit 'By All Accounts: The Story of Elmhurst'

Experience Elmhurst history through an award-winning exhibit about how the city grew and developed over the years. Explore a rotating display of objects and photographs from the museum's collection featured in the History Spotlight. Learn about the history of the C. Mansion and the family who built the stately residence c. 1892. Limit: 15 visitors allowed per hour, 5 people per group, face masks required.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave.  
Admission: FREE  
Reservations Required: Reserve one-hour time slot at elmhursthistory.org  
More Info: elmhursthistory.org call 630-833-1457

# District 88 school board candidate profiles

**Editor's note:** Seven candidates (vote for three) are running to serve a full four-year term on the DuPage High School District 88 board of education.

District 88 serves portions of Lombard, Villa Park, Addison and Oakbrook Terrace, and includes Willowbrook and Addison Trail high schools.

Here are the candidate profiles, listed in alphabetical order. The *Independent* did not receive a profile from Tina Haralambopoulos and Al Manzo, each of whom are listed as a District 88 school board candidate on the DuPage County elections website.

The *Independent* will not be endorsing candidates in this race, or any of the other races in the April 6 election.

**Andrew Edmier**

**Office sought:** District 88 school board

**Facebook or Twitter address (if available):** EdmierManzoForDistrict88.com

**Occupation:** Political consultant

**Education:** Addison Trail, College of DuPage, Northern Illinois University

**Community involvement:** Member, Village of Addison Citizen's Advisory Commission (2017-present)

**Why are you running to serve on the District 88 school board?**

For me, this an opportunity to give back to the community and school. I have lived nearly my whole life in Addison, and I feel the education I received at District 88 greatly prepared me for the real world. I would like to continue that tradition, and the tradition of strong community in our district.

**What, in your opinion, are two or three main issues District 88 currently faces, and what steps would you take to address or resolve these issues?**

#1: Plain and simple: We have to get our students back in school. My first goal is to try and get every student back to in-person learning before the end of the school year.  
#2: The choice of superintendent: Dr. Helton was not only a strong superintendent, but also an excellent member of the community as well. My goal is to make sure that the person hired is someone that not only is qualified on the educational front, but is someone who will devote their time to student events, community events, and thoroughly engage with everyone.

**If elected, what are your long-term goals as a school board member?**

#1: I would propose that the district find some way to set up a fund of which it could contribute some revenue for the exact purpose of fulfilling its pension commitments long-term. The state of Illinois is financially broken, and I believe it is flawed to believe that

the state will cover the pension costs long-term. Let's try and get ahead of this now. #2: Continually focus on strong educational standards, student development, the arts, and tech programs. #3: Ensure the continued relationship between the schools and the communities.

**Blanca Jessen**

**Office sought:** District 88 school board member

**Occupation:** Account Executive for Fortune 500 Company

**Education:** BA Degree from ISU in Business/Marketing

**Community or civic involvement:** District 88 school board member since 2015

**Awards received (either professional or community related):** Recently recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards for my devotion to leadership activities and service to the public education community.

**Why are you running to serve on the District 88 school board?**

I have a strong passion for education. As a current board member, I would welcome the opportunity to continue to ensure every student has the opportunity to ready themselves for whatever direction they chose after graduation.

**What, in your opinion, are two or three main issues District 88 currently faces, and what steps would you take to address or resolve these issues?**

As a current board member, we need to continue to provide all students with every opportunity to get a great education. Help those students who need additional support/development but to also help encourage them to challenge themselves. We need to continue to be fiscally responsible.

**If elected, what are your long-term goals as a school board member?**

To ensure District 88 continues to grow with a strong foundation of its community, its students, its families, teachers, and administration. That we continue to invest in our students/schools so that all students have the best resources made available to them so they can compete with other top-notch programs.

**Christine Poirier**

**Office sought:** District 88 school board

**Family:** Dave, husband; lifelong resident of District 88; Sarah, daughter (Willowbrook Class of 2018; currently a junior at Monmouth College); Michael, son, senior at Willowbrook High School

**Social media:** Facebook.com/christinefor88  
**Occupation:** Director of Global



**Benefits at Motorola Solutions**

**Education:** B.A. in Accounting (Benedictine University, Lisle IL); MBA in Financial Management (Benedictine University, Lisle IL)

**Community or civic involvement:** Current: District 88 Citizens Advisory Council; District 88 Parent Transition/Reopening Committee; WBHS Music Boosters; WBHS Parent Organization. Past: St. Pius X Parish School Board member; Firebirds Soccer Club Board member.

**Awards received (either professional or community related):** Certified Public Accountant (1997) Certificate in Global Benefits Management (2011)

**Why are you running to serve on the District 88 school board?**

I am running to serve on the school board because my family's experience with District 88 has been a very positive one, and I want to work to continue those positive experiences for future generations. I am excited to have the opportunity to put my personal and professional experience, as well as my enthusiasm to work for the students, families, faculty/staff and community of District 88 in this capacity.

**What, in your opinion, are two or three main issues District 88 currently faces, and what steps would you take to address or resolve these issues?**

One of the main issues District 88 currently faces is navigating through the remainder of its reopening plan and the "post-COVID" world. Returning students, staff, learning and extracurricular activities to the buildings is just the beginning. There will still be a lot of work to do, including providing mental health support and addressing any "backslide" in learning for students that had difficulty with remote learning. This is going to take time to work through, and I am prepared to do what is necessary to help District 88 face this challenge. I also believe that there is an opportunity for improved collaboration between Addison Trail and Willowbrook. Although we are two schools, we are one district, and I will actively pursue opportunities to encourage the two schools to work together as opposed to individually.

**If elected, what are your long-term goals as a school board member?**

If elected, one of my long-term goals as a school board member is to support efforts to maximize the opportunities made available to all District 88 students, no matter where they are on the educational spectrum. Another of my long-term goals is to work to support diversity, equity and inclusion in District 88. I believe that our differences make us stronger, and that diversity should be celebrated in all its forms. As one of the most diverse school districts in the State of Illinois, I believe that we have a responsibility to ensure that all District 88 students and staff are made to feel invited, included and that their voices are given fair consideration. I am prepared to work tirelessly to make both of these things happen.

**Diana Stout**

**Office sought:** District 88 board member

**Family:** My husband, Bill, and I have three children: William, 20, is

a graduate of Willowbrook High School and currently is attending UIC for biomedical engineering and competes on their track team. Michael, 18, is a senior at Willowbrook High School, and Sara, 15, is a sophomore at Willowbrook High School.

**Social media:** diana4district88.com

**Occupation:** MIS Professional currently employed at Christ Church Oak Brook

**Education:** Bolingbrook High School; BS in MIS from North Central College; MBA in MIS at DePaul University

**Community or civic involvement:** I have been passionately involved in my community and schools since 2007.

From being elementary school PTA President, to D45 PTA Council President and then ultimately serving on the D45 school board for the last eight years, I have been emotionally and physically present in our schools buildings for the last 14 years. Most recently in D88, I have actively participated in Athletic Boosters, PTO and helped bring back the D88 Talent Show. Also, until the pandemic forced the shutdown, I mentored D88 girls in the women's mentor lunch group called Empower Hour. Over the years, I have also coached Lombard Falcon cheerleading, Lombard Park basketball and Upward basketball. Finally, I am very involved at my local church and serve as an Elder.

**Why are you running to serve on the District 88 school board?**

I am excited to be running for D88's school board because I want to continue to make a positive difference in the lives of students and their parents, teachers and the community. I am currently in the last year of my second term on the D45 School Board and feel the time is right to move from an elementary board position to a high school board position. I am not a person to stand back and complain about issues; I like to offer solutions that come from thoughtful consideration, sound research and empathy for all involved. It is not easy work, but I believe the knowledge and relationships I have built over the last 14 years will enable me to make positive contributions to the district quickly and effectively.

**What, in your opinion, are two or three main issues District 88 currently faces, and what steps would you take to address or resolve these issues?**

Every district I have been able to observe over the last eight years have struggled with true equity. I am aware that D88 has made this a focus and with continued movement educational equity will be more



a reality than an ideal. This long process will have to be continually brought before the board at every meeting for a progress check and administrators will have to have tough conversations with staff who are not embracing the district's vision of equity. Also, District 88 will have to continue to develop and execute a plan that will fill in the learning gaps that inevitably occurred because of the pandemic to make sure the students will be successful graduates, while providing staff and students with the support they need to make this happen without unnecessary social and emotional distress.

**If elected, what are your long-term goals as a school board member?**

I believe the top priorities of any school board member are defined in the role of what it means to be a school board member- (1) Evaluate and hold the Superintendent accountable for the districts work, (2) make sure the district is behaving in a fiscally responsible way and (3) set policies that are responsive to the values, beliefs and priorities of the community. The seven board members should hear the needs of parents, teachers, and community members and as one voice develop district/superintendent goals, not personal goals. If elected, I would use the above three listed ways to ensure progress on these district goals. No one board member should come in with their own personal agenda.

**Jean Taylor**

**Office sought:** District 88 board member

**Family:** Husband, Jeff; Daughter, Jess (senior at University of Minnesota); Son, John Jr. (Carroll University)

**Social media:** Facebook page: Jean Taylor for 88

**Occupation:** Deputy Clerk for DuPage County Circuit Clerk

**Education:** B.S. University of Illinois; M.S. Governors State University

**Community or civic involvement:** Villa Park Warriors board member; Villa Park Summerfest Chairperson, Summerfest Volunteer; Villa Park Parks & Recreation Commission member; Past Ardmore PTA and committee chairperson, Jackson PTA; Willowbrook Athletic Boosters board member and volunteer; Willowbrook Parents Organization member; Willowbrook Citizens Advisory Council; Willowbrook High School Young Hearts for Life Volunteer Coordinator

**Awards received (either professional or community related):** Villa Park Community Spirit Award, organization—Families for Fun founding member; Villa Park Pride Commission Spirit Award, individual

**Why are you running to serve on the District 88 school board?**

During my involvement in District 88's Building the Future

# Warriors drop to 3-1 after a narrow loss to York

## Dukes spoil Willowbrook's bid for an unbeaten spring season

**STAFF REPORT**

The Willowbrook football team suffered its first loss of the spring season on Friday, falling 25-23 to York in an exciting game in Elmhurst. The Warriors' record fell to 3-1, while York improved to 2-2.

The game was tied at 7-7, 14-14 and 17-17. York scored a go-ahead touchdown with about three minutes left in the third quarter to take a 23-17 lead. After two Willowbrook penalties during the ensuing extra-point kick, the Dukes brought their kicking unit off the field and converted a two-point conversion run to increase their lead to 25-17.

Willowbrook scored a touchdown in the first minute of the fourth quarter, when junior Josh Brown delivered his third score of the game. The Dukes stopped Brown short of the goal line on the two-point conversion attempt that would have tied the game.

The Warriors' final offensive drive of the night advanced the ball to near the Dukes' 10-yard line. Willowbrook missed a 29-yard field-goal attempt with 31 seconds to play. York then snapped the ball twice to run out the clock.

"We'll go back to the film," said Willowbrook coach Nick Hildreth after the loss in Elmhurst. "The eye in the sky never lies. We'll take a look at that. York's a really well-coached team with a bunch of really good football players. But we had opportunities and didn't capitalize on those."

The Warriors scored on the opening drive of the game. Brown completed the drive with a 3-yard touch-



Junior Josh Brown (No. 31, above right) of the Willowbrook football team is pictured during his 31-yard run in the fourth quarter of Friday's game at York. The Dukes defeated Willowbrook 25-23. The Warriors' record dropped to 3-1, while York improved to 2-2. Brown scored all three of Willowbrook's touchdowns in Friday's contest. Through four games, he has scored 15 touchdowns. Another photo from Friday's game shows Willowbrook freshman quarterback A.J. Palicki (No. 12, above left). One more picture shows senior Jaylen Frazier (No. 10, below right) making a tackle, as senior Jeremy Gholston (No. 30) looks on.

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down run. Junior Izabelle Manning kicked the extra point to give Willowbrook a 7-0 lead.

York tied the contest after a 58-yard touchdown pass with 5:20 left in the second quarter. The Dukes made the extra-point kick to even the score at 7-7.

Brown broke a 51-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors a 13-7 lead with 4:13 left in the second quarter. Manning added the ex-

tra-point kick to push Willowbrook's lead to 14-7.

York tied the game with 22 seconds left in the first half. The Dukes scored on a fourth-and-goal run from the 2-yard line. The extra-point kick deadlocked the score at 14-14.

York took its first lead of the night after making a 39-yard field goal with 9:15 left in the third quarter. Less than four minutes later, Manning kicked a 28-yard field goal to tie

the score at 17-17.

The Dukes regained the lead on a 2-yard touchdown run with 3:25 remaining in the third quarter. York was prepared to try an extra-point kick, but a Willowbrook penalty moved the ball half the distance to the goal line. Another penalty by the Warriors moved the ball inside the 1-yard line. The Dukes then decided to go for a two-point conversion run, which they made to take a 25-17 lead.

The Warriors' next drive remained alive after York's roughing the kicker penalty on a punt play late in the third quarter. Willowbrook maintained possession and scored on Brown's 1-yard TD run with 11:21 left in the fourth quarter.

Brown's three-touchdown game against York gave him 15 touchdown runs through four games this season.

York stopped Brown well short of the goal line on the conversion try that would have tied the game.

The Dukes drove the ball into field-goal range on their next offensive drive. York lined up to try a field goal, but didn't get the kick off after

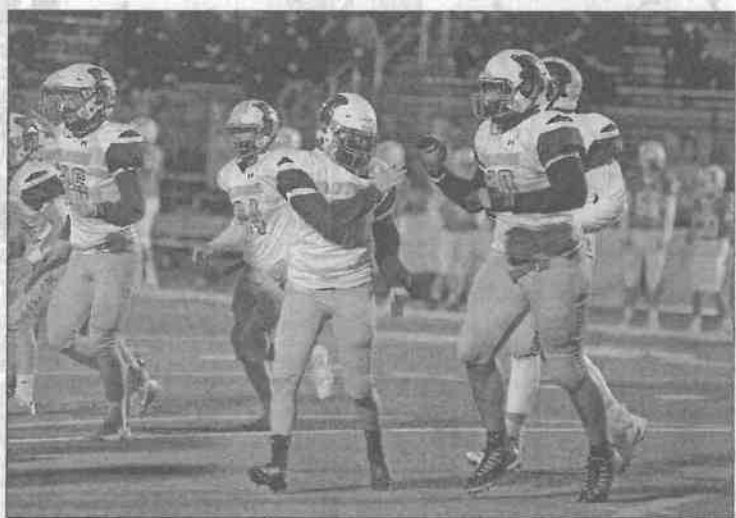
the holder couldn't cleanly hand the snap. Willowbrook took possession of the ball at its own 17-yard line with 5:25 to play.

A run by Brown on a fourth-and-two play kept Willowbrook's first drive going. Moments later, freshman quarterback A.J. Palicki completed a third-and-10 pass to junior Nick Mabutas to give the Warriors another first down. Brown then braved a 31-yard run to the Dukes' 17-yard line.

On a second-and-five play from York's 12-yard line, Palicki knelt down to field a shotgun snap. His knee was on the turf as he caught the snap, and he was ruled down on the 16-yard line.

Brown ran to the 11-yard line on the third-down play. The Warriors then attempted a field goal to tie the lead. Manning's kick sailed to the left of upright.

The Warriors will play their final home game of the abbreviated spring season this Friday, when they will face Morton. Willowbrook will complete the six-game season with a contest at Proviso East on April 2.



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### Teamwork

Junior Izabelle Manning (center) and senior Enrique Cruz (No. 70, right) of the Willowbrook football team are pictured after Manning made a 28-yard field goal in the third quarter of Friday's game at York. Manning's field goal tied the score at 17-17. York went on to defeat Willowbrook 25-23. The Warriors slipped to 3-1, while the Dukes improved to 2-2.

